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CULINARY-BAR PACT SIGNED; PICKETS OFF

Picketing by Culinary Alliance and Bartenders Union 483 of Monterey came to an end last week as an industry-wide contract was completed and signed between Local 483 and the operators of all major restaurants, bars and hotels.

No statement was issued by the union as to settlement, but it was understood that the agreement was for three years, with wage increases and gains in conditions. A no-strike clause is reported to be a part of the agreement. Union efforts to gain a welfare plan were not successful, reports indicated.

The signing of the industry-wide contract was followed by contracts gained at the Hearstone and Pine Inn at Carmel, unofficial spokesmen said.

Culinary Changes Meet Assessment

Change in the manner of assessment for non-attendance at regular meetings was voted by Salinas Culinary-Bartenders Union 355 at last week's meeting, according to Secretary A. J. Clark.

Amendment to the by-laws to eliminate the former \$2 assessment was voted, changing the non-attendance assessment to \$1, with no excuse acceptable except illness, death in the family, vacation or absence due to a business trip.

Clark said the change will become effective after approval by the international office.

Local 355 has elected Clark as a delegate to the coming convention of the State Federation of Labor in Santa Barbara, it was announced.

Hod Carriers Seek Increase

Representatives of Laborers Unions 690 of Monterey, 272 of Salinas and 283 of Santa Cruz County met in Monterey last week to work out details of a wage proposal to be submitted to the Plastering Association of Monterey Bay area.

Paul Burnett, representative for Local 283, said the unions hope to bring plaster tender and hod carrier wages nearer a par with wages for similar work in nearby areas, and also are seeking a welfare plan.

San Diego Housing

A supplemental quota of 500 housing units has been set for San Diego's critical defense housing area, bringing the total units planned to 10,000, the Housing and Home Finance Agency reports.

AFL SPECIAL MEET TO EYE NEW WSB

(AFL Release)

President William Green summoned a special meeting of the AFL Executive Council to meet in Washington, D.C., July 28, to consider the dangerous impact on labor of the new Defense Production Act. The chief problem confronting the AFL leaders is whether to continue to participate in the Wage Stabilization Board which has been stripped of most of its powers.

At the last meeting of the Executive Council in May, it issued a stern warning to Congress that labor would quit the board if its authority to deal with disputes was taken away and if its tripartite nature was destroyed.

Congress retained the tripartite structure of the WSB, but deprived it of any jurisdiction over disputes, except on wage matters alone and then only when an advisory opinion from the board was requested by the parties to the dispute or by another government agency.

It is expected that the Executive Council also will consider the unsatisfactory action taken by Congress on extension of price controls and rent controls.

AFL members of the Wage Stabilization Board will report to the special meeting of the Executive Council their views with regard to the value of continued participation on the WSB.

Laborers, Please Note

A special meeting for all members of Laborers Union 272 of Salinas has been called for 1 p.m. Saturday (July 26) at the Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas. The meeting has been called for the purpose of explaining matters in regard to an insurance program for laborers. All members are requested to attend.

JOHN F. MATTOS, Secretary, L.U. 272.

In Union Circles

Viola Mitchum is the new assistant in the office of Laborers Union 690 of Monterey. She is visiting friends and found some work in secretarial posting at the union's office.

Wray D. Empie, business manager, and Carl D. Jones, president of Laborers Union 272 of Salinas, were in San Jose last week to attend the election meeting of the Building Trades Council of Santa Clara County.

Election of officers of Monterey County Building Trades Council is scheduled for this Thursday night at the Salinas meeting, with few contests to enliven the proceedings. Most incumbents are without opposition for re-election.

Tom Eide, business manager of Monterey Carpenters Union 1323, and Leo Thiltgen, secretary of the Monterey Bay District Council of Carpenters, were in Fresno last week-end for a millmen's conference.

A new project by Normac is expected shortly. With the first project of concrete slab houses almost completed and people living in many units, the construction firm is ready to begin a new series of units just north of the present houses, according to reports.

Mill Contract Under Study At Monterey

Contract covering mill workers of Carpenters Union 1323 of Monterey was being negotiated last week, according to Thomas Eide, business agent of the union.

R. W. Norton, labor consultant and representative for the mill owners, was in Monterey to talk over contract matters. Eide said settlement on a new agreement is hoped before the date of expiration of the present contract on Aug. 13.

Dump the Dixiecrats Is AFL Plea to Demos

Chicago.—The American Federation of Labor called upon the Democratic National Convention to purge the Dixiecrats so that the party can make good on its platform pledges. In an outspoken appeal for action, AFL President William Green told the Resolutions Committee that the "irresponsible coalition" of Dixiecrats and reactionary Republicans in Congress "has hurt labor, it has hurt the nation and it has hurt the prestige of the Democratic Party."

In company with a special committee of the AFL Executive Council, Mr. Green presented to the

Steel Shortage Hits Laborers

Members of Salinas Laborers Union 272 have been laid off at two plants due to the shortage of steel, as result of the nation's steel strike, which is without settlement because of the adamant stand of "big steel" employers.

Union officials said workers at the Kaiser sea-water plant at Moss Landing and also at the Stone & Webster Corp. project had been laid off because of shortage of steel. Details and number of layoffs were not reported.

Business Agent Wray D. Empie of Local 272 announced that work for union laborers in King City has been good, with Goheen Construction Co. starting 12 more new homes of a 35-home project, eight of which are completed.

Need Plumbers At Monterey

Skilled plumbers and steamfitters for construction projects are needed badly in the Monterey area, according to John Grisin, secretary-business manager of Plumbers Union 62.

Grisin said work is plentiful and a shortage of good men has developed. He stressed, however, that only skilled union plumbers are sought. Grisin has offices at 320 Hoffman avenue, Monterey.

Carp. Council Meets Aug. 12

Next meeting of the Monterey Bay District Council of Carpenters will be held in Monterey Carpenters Hall, 778 Hawthorne St., Monterey, at 8 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 12. New officers, headed by Thomas Eide, business agent of Monterey Local 1323, will conduct their first meeting since election. Other key officials include Joe Knight, business agent of Watsonville Local 771, vice-president, and Leo Thiltgen, of Monterey Local 1323, secretary-treasurer.

Mont. Painter Work Plentiful

Skilled painters are finding no difficulty in gaining employment in Monterey area, according to Fred E. Ask, business manager of Monterey Painters Union 272.

Ask said good painters can still be placed and suggests that skilled men, who can pass union examinations, should apply to him at the union's new offices, 320 Hoffman street, Monterey.

In Britain, steel output in March was at an annual rate of 16,648,000 tons, compared with 16,456,000 tons in March, 1951.

platform makers the same 11 planks which the federation recommended to the Republicans 3 weeks before and which the GOP convention spurned. The other AFL leaders appearing with Mr. Green were Secretary-Treasurer George Meany and Vice Presidents Charles J. MacGowan and William L. McFetridge.

REPLACE T-H ACT

Those planks called for replacement of the Taft-Hartley Act with a new law fair to labor and management alike; for an effective stabilization program; for a strong bipartisan foreign policy, coupled with impregnable national defense; for a billion-dollar program of federal aid to education; for a comprehensive housing program; for reform of the tax laws; for broader social security, with increased benefits and a health insurance system; for a \$1 an hour minimum wage; for strengthening the Labor Department; for the enactment of a federal FEPC law and for action to improve the conditions of government employees.

The conclusion to the statement, however, was especially directed to the Democratic Party and it constituted a hard-hitting warning against appeasement of the Dixiecrats—a move widely predicted as a step toward party unity for the campaign.

In measured tones, Mr. Green told the Democrats:

"Four years ago the Democratic National Convention adopted a clear-cut, progressive platform. Today, after 2 intervening sessions of Congress under Democratic control, that platform is still, in most respects, a scrap of paper.

"Promise without performance will not indefinitely satisfy the American people. They have a right to expect the government they elect to make good on its pledges.

STIFLED PROGRESS

"The fault is only too obvious. A considerable number of members of Congress, who are Democrats in name only, allied themselves with reactionary Republicans to stifle progressive legislation. That irresponsible coalition has hurt labor, it has hurt the nation and it has hurt the prestige of the Democratic Party.

"We feel that the time has come for the Democratic Party to do something about this impossible situation. It is not enough to reiterate promises in the party platform this year. The Democratic Party must be empowered to fulfill its pledges to the people. Otherwise, its friends will begin to ask whether the Democratic Party really is fighting for the welfare of the people.

"There are many* progressive,

statesmanlike members of Congress from the South. We are not suggesting that punitive action be taken against any Democrat from any section of the country who occasionally strays from the reservation. We are not trying to suppress political independence for the sake of blind party loyalty. That would be a mistake in the opposite direction.

"But when an office-holder elected as a Democrat consistently consorts with the Republicans, votes with the Republicans and aids and abets Congressional action to embarrass his own party, then he should either get out of the Democratic Party or be read out."

PAINTERS 1104 NAME OFFICERS

Election and installation of officers of Painters Union 1104 are being completed this month, with incumbents generally returned to office.

Officers for the coming term are:

President: Otis Sleeper.
Vice president: Ralph Mack.
Recording secretary: Lawrence Wendelkin.
Financial secretary and business agent: Peter A. Greco.
Treasurer: Ed DeWitt.
Trustees: T. Anderson, J. O. Grady and W. Hearn.

Monterey CLC Backs Salinas In College Tiff

Support of the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council was placed behind the movement of the Salinas Labor Council last week in the protests against Hartnell College students building a private home and selling it on the open market.

The Monterey Council adopted a resolution earlier adopted by the Salinas labor group and printed last week in the Labor News, opposing the encroachment of student industrial education practices on the legitimate building union field.

(Editor's note: The student-built home had not been sold at the time of this writing, despite several attempts, it was reported.)

Business at the Monterey Council's short meeting last week also included action to assist Retail Clerks Union 839 in its dispute with Kip's Market in Carmel, in which the union has asked strike permission.

Anchovy Pack Provides Work

Nearly 500 members of the Monterey Fish Cannery Workers Union have found employment during this month as local boats bring in anchovies, good fish and in good quantity.

Officials of the Fish Cannery Workers Union said seven plants were working on anchovies last week end, some running two shifts.

Another negotiations meeting was held last week by the FCWU and employer representatives. Only slow progress was reported on the proposed industry contract, however.

Miles, Karp At IBEW Meet

Electrical Workers Union 243 of Salinas was represented at the recent Northern California Joint Executive Conference of the IBEW at Santa Rosa by Business Manager Dial Miles and President Frank Karp.

The Monterey electrical workers union was represented at the conference by LeRoy Haste, business agent.

Remember November



What to Do About It

By I. E. PADWAY

Now that the old 'publican shindig' which took place in Chicago last week is over, and while a person has a semblance of straight thinking after coming out of the fog in listening to that pow-wow, this writer gives his reactions of what took place.

"Mr. Republican," who was wowed to the high heavens before the convention as a 100 per cent giant fire-cracker, wound up as a dud. After they had beaten him to a pulp on the convention floor, he found out that he was not the great guy he thought he was and that even his own party felt that the guy who had inaugurated and was instrumental in passing the Taft-Hartley law was not even a fit and proper person to represent his party as the presidential nominee.

And in spite of all the hell shouters, the MacArthurs, the Hoovers, the Dirks and the southern delegates from down yonder who came up with smiling, beaming faces to vote for their boy Bob, in spite of all these transfusions, not even the McCormicks and Pattersons could revive little Bobby Taft. It is the old adage—foster political legislation as against organized labor and you ultimately write your own political obituary.

I listened with a great deal of interest to all the nominating speeches and not one mentioned the late William Howard Taft,

father of their candidate. His administration must have been so bad that they did not even refer to him as the illustrious son of an illustrious father, and mark you, a man who was Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court during his lifetime.

So the convention moved it up and these die-in-the-wool, staunch Republicans of the south in honeyed and treasured words which the listener could cut with a knife, "yo' all" if you please, up and nominated a real Republican, a general of the United States Army. And like four years ago, the Republicans began to beat the drums, licking their chops, feeling sure that they had the November election in the bag.

To make it real, they picked a young squirt from the wild open West whose only forte had been to elect himself a Congressman and a Senator, that he was the great champion of American democracy and that everybody who didn't look at him straight was a commie. You can now expect this bird to put on his chaps, his gun belt, and his six shooters and yahoo all through the length and breadth of this land telling what a great guy he is and how he inoculated Congress with bills that saved democracy for the United States.

Yes, sir, the Republicans really have a great team of candidates. What I am wondering about is how a convention can become so enthused and use as their forte for eliminating the party in power and substituting their party in its place; how they can shout about corruption when even in their own convention three days were taken up deciding an issue that was so out and out crooked that one wonders what will happen if they were to be placed in office.

Is it possible that the American public has forgotten the regime of the late President Harding, when all of the mink coats put together and all the corruption that they claim exists in the federal government would have been only a fraction—maybe less than 1 per cent—of what was stolen from the American public by cabinet officers who delivered for the contents of a little black bag, America's natural resources to private corporations?

Has the public forgotten that it is the ilk of those that support the Republican party that contaminated those government representatives? With the handful of offenders that have been shown to be corrupt in the government during the 20 years of the Democratic regime, I think the record is remarkably low. I daresay there are more bankers who have swindled the public by stealing funds from public depositories than those whom the Republicans now charge were corrupt in the Democratic government.

What to do about it? Wait until the Democratic candidate for President of the United States is nominated and have an open ear, mind and heart and then decide what is best for America by going to the polls in November and electing a Democratic President of the United States. To do this, be sure that you are registered so that you do not LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE.

Runaway Plant Brought to Halt But 17 Miles Away

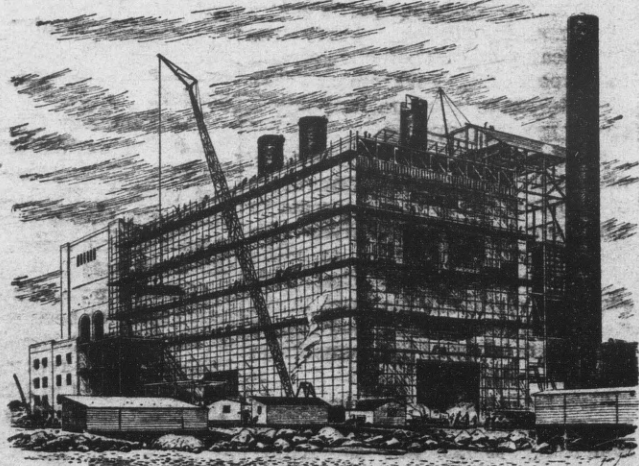
Siloam Springs, Ark. (LPA). — Pluss Poultry, Inc., tried to run away from its contract with the AFL Meat Cutters, but it got only 17 miles when it was captured by the NLRB.

Beginning in June, 1951, the firm closed down its plant at Decatur, Ark., because of inadequate sewage facilities, laying off 145 employees and rehiring 113 of them at Siloam Springs, along with 67 others. Then it argued that its contract applied only to the Decatur plant and refused to honor it. The NLRB ruled July 10 that the contract is still in effect.



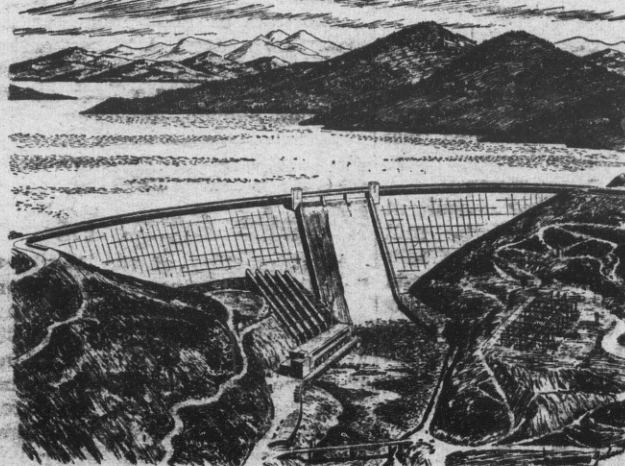
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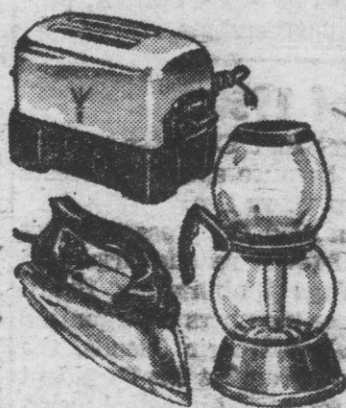
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U. S. Steel Handed \$154,600,000 More in Fast Tax Writeoff

Washington (LPA).—U. S. Steel Corp., through its ore mining subsidiary in Venezuela, rode the gravy train for more than a third of the \$454,014,606 in quick tax writeoffs announced by the Defense Production Administration July 10.

Orinoca Mining Co. received a "certificate of necessity" authorizing it to "depreciate" 65 per cent of \$154,600,000 over the next five years instead of during the 25-year period normally allowed by the government for amortization out of income taxes of production equipment and facilities. U. S. Steel, whose total DPA grants now exceed a half-billion dollars, thus will save enormous amounts in taxes, shifting the burden to the public.

Chemical firms, led by Dow and Union Carbide and Carbon, which also have obtained large chargeoffs in the past, and oil corporations dominated the rest of the grants issued during the week ended June 26. Dow Chemical was handed nine certificates to write off various portions of \$31,420,000 for facilities at Midland, Mich.; Freeport, Tex., and Allyn's Point, Conn. Union Carbide's \$19,652,700 provided in three more certificates will be spent on plants in Texas City, Tex.; Kanawha County, W. Va., and western Oregon. Pathfinder Chemical Corp., Point Pleasant, W. Va., came in for \$11,496,320.

Eso Standard Oil Co. got seven grants totaling \$22,591,950 for petroleum refining at Baton Rouge, La., and storage at Providence,

R.I.; Hollowell, Me.; Newburgh, N.Y.; Moorehead, City, N.C., and Chattanooga and Nashville, Tenn. Buckeye Pipe Line Co., New York City, got \$22,759,900; Gulf Refining Co., \$5,839,000 for an oil pipeline; Humble Pipe Line Co., \$8,133,000, and Mid-Valley Pipeline Co., \$8,371,250.

General Motors Corp., one of the consistent repeaters on amortization lists, is down for \$5,611,612 for plants at Harrison, N.J., and Indianapolis. B. F. Goodrich Chemical Co. got \$5,871,000 and General Tire and Rubber \$5,319,000. Great Northern Railway added \$8,157,500 to its benefits while Public Service Co. of Oklahoma can erect a plant costing \$11,750,729.

The list brought grants issued by DPA to 11,869 covering facilities valued at \$20,575,228,606.

Labor Men Urged As Ambassadors To Asia From U.S.

Washington (LPA).—If the countries of Asia still non-Communist are to be kept out of Stalin's hands, America's ambassadors to them must come from the labor movement, according to the Eastern Labor Press Conference.

Said the ELPC in a statement issued July 14: "Our country can't win friends for democracy in any Asian nation or in any other nation when we permit ourselves to be represented by an ambassador who is anti-labor in his heart, anti-labor in his mind and anti-labor in his soul."

The U.S. can't afford to send as ambassadors those who follow the philosophy of the National Association of Manufacturers or the Chamber of Commerce, said the ELPC.

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The Lesson of 1950

Trade unionists must never forget that Congress refuses to do much about inflation simply because special interests won the Congressional elections two years ago.

If more liberals had been elected in 1950, Congress wouldn't have killed effective price control. If fewer reactionaries had been sent to Washington, the Wage Stabilization Board would not have been crippled. If more members of organized labor had gone to the polls and elected their friends, the Senate and House wouldn't have dared request the President to get a Taft-Hartley injunction to force striking steel workers back into the mills.

Catholics and McCarthy

The widely-read Catholic weekly, Commonweal, said that Catholics should oppose "McCarthyism"—only Commonweal spelled it without a capital "M."

Here is how the journal stated its case in referring to the political tactics used by Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R., Wis.), who is a Catholic himself:

"As Catholics we must love the truth and reverence the intellect. We must oppose any threat to these, no matter how nobly motivated. The imposition of the attitudes of the mass mind, the adoption of the slogans of the commonplace, these are things which we have a duty to fight, and we must be especially wary of being enlisted in any crusade, even an anti-Communist crusade, which adopts these as its weapons. This is the basic reason why Catholics, more than other Americans, must oppose 'mccarthyism.'"

Each Vote Important

Just in case you don't believe your individual vote is important, remember that in South Dakota every one-fourth of a vote counted in each precinct in the Taft-Eisenhower race for delegates to the Republican nominating convention next month.

In nearly 2,000 precincts, the difference was only about 500 votes.

And remember that one more Democratic vote in each of Ohio's precincts in 1944 would have defeated Taft's bid for reelection to the Senate.

Remember: Your vote counts just as much as Rockefeller's. But you can't vote unless you are eligible.

Another Big Victory

Reaction got another kick in the teeth last week when North Dakota's Republicans renominated Bill Langer to the U. S. Senate. His opponent, Rep. Fred Aandahl, was thoroughly trounced despite the fact he had the power trust behind him.

Langer earned renomination on his good Senate record.

Langer's victory, following closely the defeat of Owen Brewster in the Maine Senatorial primary, should stiffen opposition to candidates in other states who serve special interests instead of the people.

We've attended many union conventions—and we'll bet a union made hat on this: any labor conclave is far more democratic and efficient than what's happened in the stockyards this past week (at the Republican convention) . . .

Somehow, we feel proud of our association with organized labor after rubbing against a political organization whose main line of attack is flavored with charges of "corruption" while revealing its own sordid steals.

When we left the convention hall, the pungent odors from the slaughter houses were most refreshing.

—Chicago "Federation News" (AFL).



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The 10 families with minor children are receiving \$85 to \$150 a month, the amount depending on the insured worker's average earnings and the number of dependents. By the time the youngest child reaches 18, social security may have paid approximately \$185,000 to these 10 families. Including the benefits potentially payable to the widows after age 65, the total survivors insurance payments to the 11 families may amount to about \$293,344 or an average of \$26,667 to a family. These potential payments almost certainly represent more than all these survivor families' other assets, such as life insurance, cash savings, and homes owned.

In addition to the survivors insurance benefits of social security, in the happier situations where the worker reaches age 65 and retires, the old-age insurance provisions give him, and his wife when 65, monthly retirement benefits for life. OASI thus provides basic protection against loss of family income—both in old-age and in the event of the worker's untimely death.

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Hitting a Picket With Auto Costs Him Only \$50

Portland, Ore. (LPA)—For deliberately hitting an AFL picket with his auto, Rudy Taggesell, auto dealer, has been fined \$50. And that was suspended on his promise not to go it again. Similar charges against Walter Barnett, Taggesell's foreman, were dismissed for lack of witnesses.

Dallas Langshaw, member of the Machinists, was walking the picket line June 14 when Taggesell hit him with his car, knocked him across the bumper and carried him several feet into the door of the auto shop. Barnett had hit and injured George Bolster the day before, according to the union.

The firm has been picketed since Feb. 5 for refusal to bargain, and Neil Brody, Machinists' leader, charged other members of the Auto Dealers Association are selling Taggesell's used cars and sending repair jobs into his plant.

Building, \$15 Billion

Construction outlays in the U. S. reached a record total of nearly \$15 billion for the first half of 1952, U. S. agencies report, a 4 per cent increase over last year. Increased expenditure for military facilities, industrial expansion, and public utility construction accounted for the rise.

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New York.—President Henry C. Alexander of J. P. Morgan & Co., declared that the growth of welfare funds to finance plans of retirement, to relieve sickness and disability, and promote thrift, savings and profit is a "spectacular development . . . and very likely will continue for many years to come."

At present, he told the New York State Bankers' convention, about one-fourth of the nation's industrial working force are beneficiaries of 15,000 pension plans. Contributions to such plans amount to about \$2 billion.

"America for a long time," Alexander said, "has been security-minded but it is becoming more and more so. Some 30 million people in our country are today . . . covered by group life insurance."

"The point is that the institutionalized endeavors — yes, this form of collectivism—is not the kind that we abhor for it is individually arranged and is the outgrowth of free and voluntary action by our people as individuals."

The J. P. Morgan chief said, "As for the implications toward collectivism in an ugly form arising from such schemes I do not have much concern. They represent groupings, of course, but in our system of capitalism we have long had groupings and collective action."

"The corporation itself," Alexander said, "represents the pooling of individual capital. Life insurance and other forms of insurance are all predicated upon the sharing of risks and the protection which such sharing provides."

Despite what Alexander termed the "over-reaching and over-emphasis" in the field of social welfare, he said American business is wise to "adopt and expand" such plans within reasonable limits.

MINERS WIN 67-YEAR FIGHT FOR SAFETY LAW

(AFL Release)

After a 67-year battle by the miners, Congress finally passed a law giving federal inspectors authority to close down coal mines they consider unsafe.

The measure was not so strong as mine union representatives had hoped, but they accepted it because it established the principle of federal mine inspection for the first time.

The new legislation provides that the Bureau of Mines can close a mine where there is danger of loss of life through fire, explosion, flood or accident.

It is hoped that strict enforcement of the new law by the bureau will reduce the accident rate in mines, which is the highest of all the civilized nations mining coal. We have an average of 1,000 men killed each year, and 35,000 to 40,000 lost time injuries, averaging four days.

GOP on Health

In Chicago, AFL and CIO leaders who appeared before the Republican platform committee in an attempt to liberalize the GOP platform took a philosophic attitude toward the results. Most impressive for the AFL and CIO men was the one-sentence plank: "We are opposed to federal compulsory health insurance." The union officials agreed that the simplest and briefest reply to this was: "Just a few years ago the Republican Party also opposed federal compulsory social security, but the Republican who proposed its repeal today would be laughed out of any Republican convention."

Big Business Pours Dough Into Politics

(AFL Release)

Charlottesville, Va. — "With the policies backed by labor and sought by the President consistently thwarted by a reactionary bloc recruited from both parties, labor is confronted with overwhelming odds in its fight against the alliance between politicians and powerful business interests."

That is what Boris Shishkin, economist of the American Federation of Labor, told the Institute of Public Affairs at the University of Virginia in a discussion of labor's role in political action.

CITES NATION'S NEEDS

He reminded the audience that although organized labor strives to raise the living standards of workers, better living cannot be achieved solely through higher income.

"We need more and better homes, better cities, and better schools," he said in outlining some of labor's political goals. "We need insurance against the hazards of old age, of unemployment, and ill health. We need safeguards against disruptive wage competition and safeguards against mass unemployment."

Shishkin pointed out that business interests are pouring money into "political coffers" on the largest scale in history whereas the Taft-Hartley and other laws restrict political work by trade unions.

SPENT \$49,407 ON IKE

In Salem, Ore., state officials reported that persons supporting General Eisenhower for the Republican Presidential nomination, spent \$49,407 in the Oregon primary. The donors included three motion picture producers who contributed \$8,000 and Chairman Alfred P. Sloan of General Motors who contributed \$3,000.

Shishkin told the Institute that the two-party system must be made effective, clean, and representative, and declared:

"It is Congress that holds the power of the purse. The crucial test of a truly democratic government is the test of its being a truly representative government. It is to the task of making our elected government, and especially the Congress, truly representative, that all Americans must address themselves, if democracy is to survive."

Scholarships Awarded To 14 Children of IBEW Local 3 Members

New York (LPA).—Thirteen young men and a girl, children of members of the big Local 3, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, have been awarded scholarships provided by the union and the electrical industry of greater New York City.

Two precedents were set at the scholarship luncheon when for the first time medical and dental training was included with engineering courses at Columbia University for the boys and Judith Schwack became the first girl to have her way paid through Barnard College. The program was started in 1948 when two scholarships were established for six-year courses in engineering.

Dr. Charles C. Cole, Columbia dean, who announced the winners from among 21 contestants who attained highest averages in competitive examinations, revealed that eight former winners of scholarships were "on the Dean's list" because of their excellent grades. The new winners, he said, "have big shoes to fill and must be prepared to face important problems after graduating."

NLRB UPHOLDS UNION RIGHTS ON REINSTATING

The National Labor Relations Board upheld the right of unions to charge a higher rate for reinstating a former member than the normal initiation fee for new members.

In a 3-2 decision, the board held that so long as the larger reinstatement fee was not "excessive" it was not an illegal fee simply because it was higher than the original initiation fee.

REFUSED TO PAY FEE

The Taft-Hartley Act forbids a union from charging a membership fee under a union shop agreement "in an amount which the board finds excessive or discriminatory under all the circumstances."

The NLRB decision was in a case brought against the AFL Machinists Union and the Chemical Corporation of San Jose, Calif., by an employee who was discharged after he refused to pay the \$60 reinstatement fee required by the union's by-laws.

The employee, Roy E. Bauer, had been a member of the Machinists Union before at another plant, but dropped out. When he got his job at the San Jose company, he offered to pay the standard new member initiation fee of \$30.

MAJORITY OPINION

Some unions set higher reinstatement fees in order to discourage "scabbing."

The majority opinion held that the Taft-Hartley Law "did not intend the board to find labor organizations in violation of the law, where, as here, following well-settled practice, they have done no more than to establish a different, but fairly reasonable, classification of former members as distinguished from new applicants."

Now Cannery Admit Prices May Zoom On Fruits, Vegetables

Washington (LPA).—The Democrat-Republican coalition in the "Horsemeat" Congress riddled price controls on the phony plea that prices were going down. That was a phony, as a story in the Journal of Commerce July 13 revealed. The headline said "Vegetables Cannery Fear Prices May Get Out of Hand."

Price chief Arnall removed price controls July 14, as ordered by Congress, from 90 per cent of all canned and frozen fruits and vegetables, and warned "some prices might rise."

His warning came three days after the Bureau of Labor Statistics announced retail food prices went up another 0.3 per cent between June 13 and June 30.

Responsible for the rise were big increases in the price of eggs and of fruits and vegetables.

The June 30 index was 232.4 (1935-39 equals 100), based on a survey of eight cities—Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Columbus, New York, Richmond, San Francisco and Washington. The figure is 14.4 per cent above the pre-Korean level of June 15, 1950.

New cost-of-living pay raises for teachers, 40 pounds a year for men and 32 pounds a year for women, were granted in England recently.

\$48 Million for 1953 Reclamation Projects
Some \$48 million worth of work on reclamation projects will be under way in the new '53 fiscal year, the Bureau of Reclamation reports. Major California projects are: All-American Canal, \$1,419,000; Cal-
chuma dam at Santa Barbara, \$6,270,000; Central Valley, \$38,370,000; Solano County, \$3,000,000.

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EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK—The International Labor Organization, a United Nations agency, adopted a convention at its recent Geneva meeting which makes equal pay for equal work by men and women mandatory on all nations which ratify the regulation. ILO's own men and women interpreters (above) work under the regulation. (LPA)

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Regional Wage Board Approves Teamster Raises

(State Fed. Release)

Wage increases totaling 16½ cents per hour have been approved by the Regional Wage Stabilization Board for 1,100 bottlers, checkers and drivers employed by 88 companies engaged in the distribution of beer in California.

Irving Bernstein, chairman, said this week the decision provided for a 10-cents-per-hour increase effective Feb. 12, 1952, and 6½ cents effective April 1, 1952.

A part of the industry delegation on the 12-member tripartite body dissented on approval of the petition which was submitted by the Northern California Beer Distributors Association, Southern California Beer Distributors Association, Sacramento Valley Associated Industries and various independent distributors on behalf of the employers, and by the AFL Teamsters on behalf of the workers.

The action of the majority of the board was based on the traditional practice of the distributors of following the lead of the breweries on wages, hours and working conditions.

Brewers, bottlers, checkers and drivers employed by California breweries received an identical increase as of the same date earlier in the year.

Teamster pay raises and a subsistence allowance increase have also been authorized by the Regional Wage Stabilization Board for 1,050 employees of 87 van and storage companies in southern California.

The decision was based on the facts submitted by the Van and Storage Industry, Huntington Park, on behalf of member and non-member companies, and Locals 389 and 692 of the AFL Teamsters, Los Angeles, and wage data on rates paid in comparable industries in the area.

The decision permitted the association and the union to put into effect an 8 cents hourly increase for 742 drivers, packers, craters, order fillers, warehousemen, loaders, long line drivers, and long line helpers, and a 6 cents per hour increase for 308 helpers.

The decision also permitted the parties to increase the subsistence allowance for truck drivers and helpers from \$4.50 to \$5 per night. Both decisions were effective as of April 1, 1952.

Bernstein said that the action on the Van and Storage Industry-Teamster case was included in the 74 rulings affecting Los Angeles employers and unions which the board made at a recent meeting. Thirty-two AFL, CIO and independent unions were parties to the petitions which affected 5,045 salaried employees and hourly workers.

UNION BUYS THEATER

Troy, N. Y. (LPA).—Local 17, biggest local of the AFL Paper Makers, has bought the fire damaged old Palace theater for \$35,000 and is converting it into a recreation center, with a basketball court, bowling alleys, movie booth, and auditorium.

Minimum Pay in Calif. is Six Bits, Effective August 1

(State Fed. Release)

California's new minimum wage of 75 cents an hour for women and minors will go into effect on August 1, 1952, Paul Scharrenberg, Director of Industrial Relations, announced last week.

The revised rate is contained in new minimum wage orders recently enacted by the Industrial Welfare Commission. These orders, enforced by the Division of Industrial Welfare of the Department of Industrial Relations, regulate minimum wages, maximum hours and working conditions for women and minors in all industries in California except agriculture and domestic service in private households.

The AFL State Federation of Labor had recommended a new minimum rate of \$1.25, citing the Commission's own sample budget as a supporting document.

Regulations which apply to employers both in the manufacturing and the mercantile industries have been combined and are contained in one Industrial Welfare Commission Order Number 1-52. The most important changes in this order are:

1. The minimum wage is increased to 75c per hour from 65c; provision is made for a 60-cent rate which may be paid to a limited number of learners and also to a limited number of minors. The Division of Industrial Welfare urged all employers who have learners' permits issued by the Federal Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Division to take particular note that under the new California Industrial Welfare Commission order learners may work at a rate of 60c an hour for the first 200 hours of employment only. Thereafter they must be paid 75c per hour.

2. Women executives will be exempt from jurisdiction of the order if they receive \$350 or more per month.

3. The minimum time that may elapse between the end of the employees' work day and the beginning of the next day is 11 hours. The maximum 8 hours of work permitted per day must be performed within a period of 13 hours.

4. When women or minors are required to report for work and are furnished less than half their usual day's work, they must be paid for half the usual day's work at the employees' regular rate of pay. In no event may an employee be paid for less than 2 hours of work.

5. Time records must not only show the employees' in and out time, but also must record the meal period, unless the firm has an established meal period during which operations cease. All starting and stopping time must be recorded at the time it occurs.

6. Employment of women and minors is limited to 6 days per week with exceptions for short-hour workers. Previously weekly hours were limited to a maximum of 48 without limiting the number of days.

Similar provisions, but with some modifications, are contained in orders covering Personal Service; Canning and Preserving; Professional, Technical, Clerical and Sim-

ilar Occupations; Public Housekeeping; Laundry, Dry Cleaning and Dyeing; Transportation; Amusement and Recreation Industries; and Industries covering Farm Products after Harvest. Every employer is required to post a copy of the applicable order in his establishment.

Labor Paper Unit Hands Praise to Wisconsin Daily

Newark (LPA).—The Madison (Wis.) Capitol Times was nominated for the American Society of Journalism's 1953 award July 10 by International Labor Press of America.

Sec.-Treas. Lewis M. Herrmann, in a letter to Awards Chairman P. I. Reed, wrote "It is most refreshing to find a publication located in the great Midwest that has consistently, accurately and honestly interpreted the American idea and the genuine American way of life. . . . I have noted with increasing dismay the trend of many of our daily papers to deteriorate into stereotyped editorial mouthpieces whose sentiment is absolutely foreign to the American spirit. . . ."

Transit Union Wins Fight Against Order On Color of Shirts

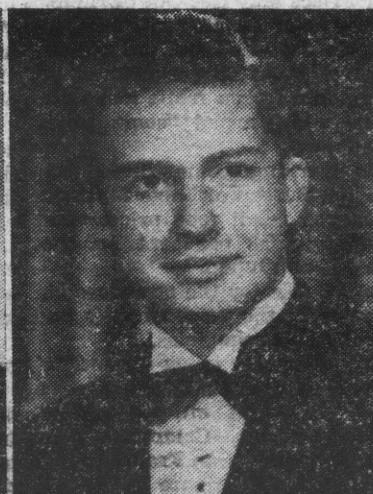
Baltimore (LPA).—Ending a haberdashery squabble, service was restored by the Baltimore Transit Co. July 2 after a 24-hour tieup—and with members of the AFL Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees wearing their usual white shirts, or whatever color they chose, not necessarily gray.

The company had ordered the operators to wear gray shirts, and when the men appeared in their customary garb they were not permitted to take out buses and trolleys. Union leaders called the dispute a lockout; the firm termed it a strike. The Public Service Commission labeled the company's order "an unjust and unreasonable regulation."

Issuing an order, to which the transit line bowed, that normal service be restored, the PSC said that was "paramount to all other considerations, especially the color of shirts worn by operators."

LABOR DAY AT FAIR

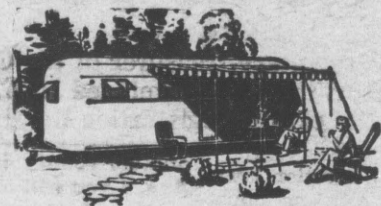
Peoria, Ill. (LPA).—A union membership card served as an admission ticket to the Heart of Illinois Fair when the sponsoring Junior Chamber of Commerce designated the Saturday program as Organized Labor Day.



Three smart young men shown above will be guests of honor at the 1952 convention of the California State Federation of Labor to be held in Santa Barbara Aug. 25-29. They're winners of the second annual scholarship contest sponsored by the state AFL for high school seniors in California and Hawaii.

From left to right they're Armen Tashdian, Sacramento High School, Sacramento; Alex Woyeheshin, Christian Brothers High School, Sacramento; and William Wittenberg, Susan M. Dorsey High School, Los Angeles. All three will receive \$500 awards to advance their college education.

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AFL PLATFORM—President William Green is shown as he presented the AFL proposals to chairman of the Labor and Welfare Subcommittee of the Republican Platform Committee, Melvin Laird, Wisconsin State Senator. Seated on the right is AFL

Secretary George Meany. Standing, left to right, are AFL Vice-President Charles J. MacGowan, W. L. McPetridge, and Lee Wadsworth, AFL Midwest organizing director.

Making Ends Meet Fresh Fruits, Vegetables Are Best Seasonal Buys

By BERT SEIDMAN

This is the season for fresh fruits and vegetables. Good buys at this time include peas, snap beans, cabbage, melons, and in some areas, peaches. Summer squash, beets, sweet corn, lettuce, and broccoli are either already in plentiful supply or will be coming in in a few days in many areas. There is also plenty of poultry and dairy products in most stores.

FOOD HINTS

The Department of Agriculture has just issued a booklet with some worthwhile suggestions on how to select fruits and vegetables.

1. Make your own selection of perishables.
2. Do not handle fruits and vegetables unnecessarily.
3. Remember the largest is not always the best.
4. Avoid commodities that show decay.
5. Do not buy merely because the price is low.
6. Consider fruits and vegetables which are in season in the nearest production area.
7. See that containers hold full measure.
8. Try to find out about current supplies and prices.

PORK PRICES

Although pork prices dropped in recent weeks the outlook for consumers is unfavorable.

Recent reports of the Department of Agriculture indicate fewer pigs and smaller pork supplies next fall and winter. The Department estimates 9 per cent fewer pigs during the spring season this year than last spring. Since pigs raised in the spring are marketed in the fall and winter you can expect higher pork prices for later on in the year.

PEACHES

Peaches in many markets are still selling at fairly high prices, but in a week or two supplies should be plentiful and prices lower.

The period from July 10 to Aug. 2 should be the time when peaches will be most plentiful, as peaches will be shipped out of the Southern States and California. Some 15 million bushels will reach markets during those weeks.

Peaches are favorite fruits not only for eating fresh, but also for home canning. The Freestone peaches, such as Elbertas, probably won't hold their shape in canning as well as Clingstones, but they are liked for their highly delicious flavor.

When you are buying peaches make sure that they are mature, but not overripe. Look for a creamy or yellowish background color to be sure peaches are mature enough to ripen. Remember that ripe peaches are highly perishable.

UNION LABEL

You can't overstate the importance of the union label. It tells you you're buying a quality product made by union members under union working conditions.

The union is as democratic as you make it. Attend meetings! Take part!

Hoover Kills Taft

In Chicago, union leaders decided that the final kiss of death to Senator Taft's chances for the Republican presidential nomination came when ex-President Herbert Hoover came out in Taft's support. "The law of averages starts to work in reverse," they argued, "when a former president proves his wisdom by being wrong in 1932, 1936, 1940, 1944, 1948 and probably in 1952."

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All beneficiaries in this area will receive higher social security payments as a result of the social security amendments which President Truman signed into law last week. The first increased checks will be for the month of September, delivered early in October.

It is emphasized that no one needs to apply for the increased payments. The Social Security Administration is already changing the amounts. They expect to get them changed in time to have them in the mail October 3, the regular delivery date, but in a few cases they don't meet that schedule

Millions for Wildfowl, Not Any for Kids

Senator Paul H. Douglas (D., Ill.), thinks it is a fine thing for the nation to take care of its migratory birds, but he feels that its migratory children should have at least as good care.

He sought in the Senate to have \$181,000 diverted from the care of birds to make a start toward meeting the education needs of the children of migratory farm workers, but lost out on a "point of order."

"There are well over a million migratory children in this country, who move along with their parents with the crops," he said. "Since they do not remain long in any one place, they do not have the privilege of education."

Can Refuse to Provide Men

(AFL Release)

The National Labor Relations Board ruled unanimously that a union is not on strike when it refuses to furnish workers to an employer.

Noting that the Taft-Hartley Act defines a strike as a "concerted stoppage of work," the board said workers cannot quit before they are hired—"they cannot stop work before they start."

The strike ruling came in a case involving secondary boycott charges brought by the Joliet (Ill.) Contractors Association against Glaziers Local 27 of the AFL Painters Union.

But a three-man board majority also held that the union violated the secondary boycott ban by using a union rule to "encourage" workers already on the job to quit.

The majority ruled that the union acted illegally in "inducing" glaziers to stop working for one member of the association who had preglazed glass installed in his building project.

The union by-laws forbid a member from working for a contractor who does not do all glazing work on the job site.

Guard your citizenship: Register and vote.

Older Folks Vital to U.S.!

(AFL Release)

It is vital to America's defense to put skilled and experienced older people to work, according to Ewan Clague, Department of Labor's commissioner of labor statistics.

"Arbitrary age discrimination against older workers who must seek new jobs and compulsory age retirement of able employees deprive our nation of productive capacity," he said. "At a time when our population is steadily aging, we must question policies which fail to utilize the skills and abilities of willing and experienced workers."

His comments were in conjunction with the bureau's report, "Employment and Economic Status of Older Men and Women."

The report said that by 1957 there will be 63 million people over 45.

Health: Precautions To Take Against Polio

Here are some pointers for parents from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. If you heed them, you will be going far to protect your children from polio this summer.

Don't let them get overtired. Don't let them get chilled. Don't let them mix with new groups (but don't take them out of a camp where there is good health supervision).

On the other hand, do watch closely for signs of polio—headache, fever, sore muscles, stiff

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LOOK NOW: ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

(State Fed. Release)

C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor, this week reminded all AFL unions that September 11 is the closing registration for the general election of November 4.

According to state election laws, the following Californians must register if they hope to vote November 4:

1. Anyone who has reached the age of 21 since the last election. A person not 21 may register before Sept. 11 providing he will be 21 on Nov. 4.

2. Anyone who failed to vote in the last general election and is not properly registered.

3. Anyone who has moved from one precinct to another within a city or county, or to another county.

You must be a resident in a county for 90 days before the day of the election in order to be qualified to vote. Thus, if you move to

another county and register before Aug. 4 you will be qualified to vote on Nov. 4. If you move to another county after Aug. 4 you may vote in the county in which you were registered and formerly resided.

Most counties and cities also require a certain number of days residence in one precinct.

If you should move to another precinct after the date which allows you to qualify, you must vote in your old precinct.

In his registration message, Haggerty recommended that every local AFL union in California immediately form a registration committee charged with the responsibility of obtaining a 100 per cent registration record for union men and women in California.

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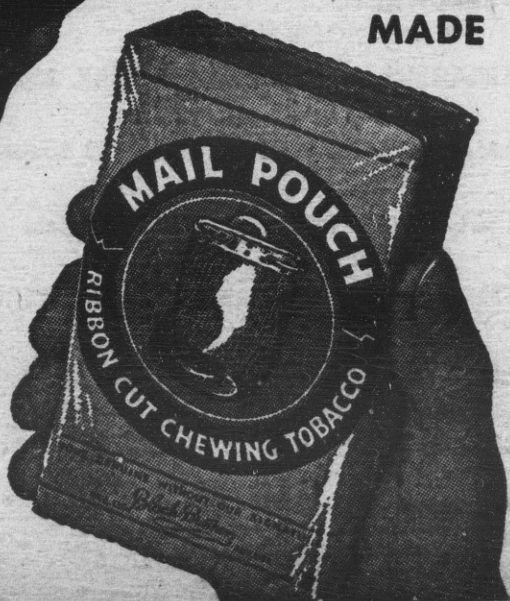
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